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TAGS: ENRG, TN, NZ
SUBJECT: TONGAN OIL PROSPECTS

REF: WELLINGTON 3597

1. REFTEL INDICATED THAT THE THIRD WELL BEING DRILLED BY WEBB RESOURCES, INC. IN TONGA HAD REACHED A DEPTH OF 8,100 FEET AND THAT IT WOULD LIKELY BE FOUND TO BE DRY. DRILLING AT THE WELL HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED, A DEPTH OF 8,635 FEET HAVING BEEN REACHED, AND THE WELL HAS BEEN DECLARED DRY AND SHUT DOWN. THE PARKER DRILLING COMPANY'S RIG AND OTHER MACHINERY ARE BEING DISASSEMBLED FOR SHIPMENT TO SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED STATES ABOUT JULY 20. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT WEBB ANTICIPATES CONDUCTING AN OFFSHORE SEISMIC SURVEY IN THE WATERS AROUND TONGATAPU AND EUA BEGINNING BEFORE THE END OF 1978, WITH DRILLING COMMENCING PERHAPS AS EARLY AS MID-1979.

2. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S AND THE RRA'S COMMENTS ON POINTS RAISED IN PARA 4 REFTEL.
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